



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND
2748 WORTH ROAD
JBSA FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234-6000

OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 14-028

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MEMORANDUM FOR

**COMMANDERS, MEDCOM MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
DIRECTORS, OTSG/MEDCOM ONESTAFF
AMEDD CORPS CHIEFS**

SUBJECT: The Army Medical Department (AMEDD) 30-Year Medallion Policy Guidance

1. References:

- a. MEDCOM PAM 600-8-22, Military Awards.
- b. AR 672-20, Incentive Awards, 29 January 1999.

2. Purpose: To update policy for the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) 30-Year Medallion.

3. Proponent: The proponent for this policy is the Director of Human Resources/G-1.

4. Responsibilities: The Human Resources Actions Branch (HRAB), Military Human Resources Division and Civilian Human Resources Awards Branch are responsible to review and process recommendations for the AMEDD 30-Year Medallion.

5. Policy:

a. The AMEDD 30-Year Medallion is awarded by The Surgeon General, US Army/ Commander, US Army Medical Command (TSG/CG, MEDCOM) to recognize a long-standing tradition of exceptional service by Soldiers and Civilians of the AMEDD. Commanders and Corps Chiefs are encouraged to recommend all eligible AMEDD Soldiers/Civilians for this award.

b. Eligibility. Award of the medallion is restricted to the following:

(1) AMEDD Soldiers honorably retiring with 30 years or more of Federal Service to the AMEDD who are not pending Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) action, under suspension of personnel actions (Flagged), or under investigation.

*This policy memorandum supersedes OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 12-001, 10 Jan 12, subject: The Army Medical Department (AMEDD) 30-Year Medallion Policy Guidance.

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(2) AMEDD Civilians retiring with 30 years or more of all Federal civilian and military service to the AMEDD provided they have not previously received the AMEDD Medallion. For civilians, nominations must include Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and adverse action certification. In no event will the AMEDD Medallion be approved for a period of time in which the employee was found to have personally acted in a discriminatory manner in violation of EEO guidelines or standards of conduct.

6. Procedures.

a. AMEDD Corps Chiefs, Commanders in the rank of Colonel and above, and Directors should consider all members of their respective units/activities retiring with 30 years or more of service and nominate deserving individuals for the medallion. All recommendations will be submitted in memorandum format (Figure 1).

b. The request must address the award of the medallion by distinct accomplishments of service (Figure 2) separate from routine performance of duty and more than the fact that the individual served as an AMEDD Soldier or AMEDD civil service employee for 30 or more years.

c. A copy of the Officer Record Brief (ORB) (Figure 3), Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) (Figure 4), or Civilian personnel data sheet (Figure 5) and Retirement Orders (Figure 6) must accompany the recommendation for the AMEDD 30-Year Medallion. Documentation must clearly substantiate 30 years of AMEDD service.

d. Requests for "Exception to Policy" may be submitted by a Major Subordinate Command or Corps Chief for Soldiers/Civilians who have completed 29 years of service. Only in rare cases will such requests be approved. The request must explain why the Soldier/Civilian could not complete 30 years of service and why his or her contributions to the Army and the AMEDD were so significant that they should be awarded the AMEDD 30-Year Medallion. The request may be submitted in hard copy or via email and must include the same information as noted above.

e. Forward recommendations to Commander, HQ MEDCOM/HRAB (Soldiers) or Commander, HQ MEDCOM/CHRD (Civilians), 2748 Worth Road, Suite 6, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6006, or via E-mail to usamedcom.awards@us.armv.mil.

7. Recommendations should be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the desired presentation date to allow approval, engraving, and mailing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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FIGURE 1 EXAMPLE

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Attention of:

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**MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, US Army Medical Command, ATTN: MCPE-MA,
2050 Worth Road, Suite 6, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234**

**SUBJECT: Request of the Army medical Department (AMEDD) 30-Year Medallion or
Exception to Policy Request**

- 1. In accordance with the AMEDD 30-Year Medallion Policy Guidance, paragraph 3b, strongly request the AMEDD Medallion for presentation to CSM John Doe for 30 years of dedicated service to the AMEDD. CSM John Doe entered active duty on 10 December 2001 and his retirement date is 31 December 2011.**
- 2. Throughout his career, CSM John Doe demonstrated that he is a leader and consummate, professional team player for all those who had the pleasure to service with him. His standards are high and commitment to excellence is unparalleled. CSM John Doe service to the United States of America is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military and is deserving of the recognition afforded by the AMEDD Medallion.**
- 3. Our point of contact is CPT Awesome at DSN 855-6622 or Commercial (220) 256-1833.**

3 Ends

- 1. Justification**
- 2. Enlisted Records Brief**
- 3. Retirement Orders**

**Best A. Guy
COL, MS
Commander**

FIGURE 2 EXAMPLE

JUSTIFICATION

Colonel Smith served as a shining example of excellence during his 30-year long distinguished career in which he significantly contributed to the betterment of AMEDD and the Army. His impact on the training and readiness of the AMEDD was well exemplified by successful commands of the 85th Medical BN from 1991-1992 and the 62nd medical group from 1996-1998. He brought the 85th MED BN's equipment back from Desert Storm to reconstitute the Battalion. Then he relocated to Fort Lewis, changing it from a Command and Control BN to an Evacuation BN. During this he successfully conducted battle-focused training that enhanced the readiness both for his unit as well as that of the whole Fort Lewis community. Similar transformations occurred in his command of the 62nd Medical Group at Fort Lewis. While deploying units to support operations in Kuwait, Bosnia, Thailand and Kosovo, his command continued to supply superlative medical support and training to I corps units in Fort Lewis, Yakima Training Center and JRTC. His exemplary accomplishments were not restricted to tactical units as was demonstrated during his tour in 1992-1993 at Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center where he served simultaneously as Executive Officer and the Chief of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security. He flawlessly pulled together a rudderless staff and gave it direction and purpose. His insightful leadership was not restricted to within the MEDCOM's walls. He rewrote the Emergency Preparedness Plan and coordinated an exercise of all the local communities' players in a test of the National Disaster Medical System that was evaluated as one of the best ever conducted. Following his attendance of the Army War College, COL Smith was sent to serve as the Medical Advisor to the Saudi Arabian National Guard. His mentorship immeasurable helped his fledgling medical component develop, organize and rationalize their structure and training. His training focus raised the professional competencies of the entire organization from doctors. His personal medical competency was shown as he triaged and treated casualties of the 1995 Riyadh HQ Bombing. His leadership and support in

Saudi Arabia caught the attention of CENTCOM where he served as Deputy Surgeon for 2 years. He ensured that joint medical support was effectively planned for and provided the tri-services serving in that AOR. He developed a 5-year modernization plan for United Arab Emirates that brought up their medical assets to adequately support their forces. He also authored an article on joint medical planning that is still used to train this doctrine. Colonel Smith's final assignment as Chief of Staff, 30th Medical Brigade was nothing less than stellar.

**EXAMPLE
FIGURE 3**

**Officer Record Brief (ORB)
for Officer Personnel**

**Example
FIGURE 4**

**Enlisted Record Brief (ERB)
for Enlisted Personnel**

**Example
FIGURE 5**

**Personnel Data Sheet
for Civilians**

- 1. Employee Full Name**
- 2. Current Position Title and grade**
- 3. Service Computation Date for Leave**
- 4. Service Computation Date for Total Civilian Service**
- 5. Annuitant Indicator (if statement shows Ret Enlisted or Ret Officer, provide copy 4 of DD 214)**
- 6. Length of Service Date**
- 7. Nominator Name and Position Title**
- 8. Organization**
- 9. Must attach Equal Employment Opportunity and Adverse Action certifications.**

Example
FIGURE 6

Retirement Orders
for Soldiers